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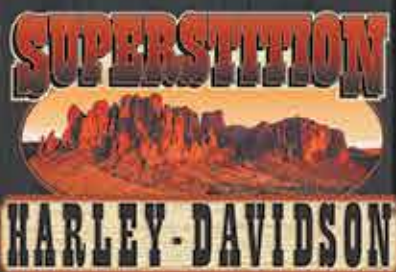
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The Biker Book For Charity

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“What is the Meaning of Life?” As I first sat with this book in front of me I was moved to consider.... Do I just dive in and start reading? Do I contemplate the question first, then read to see how my answers match up? Agree? Disagree? Conform? Ahhh... but there IS no wrong answer ☺ Right ?

I'm unsure that *The Meaning of Life* can be quantified or defined in any black & white concrete manner. Although I'm certain that there would be some out there who disagree on that.

For me at least, “What gives meaning to your Life?” is a more manageable consideration. But this piece isn't about me. It's about the book.

When our copy arrived in the mail, the very first impression while unwrapping it was how striking it was. The look, quality, and feel of it gave off a positivity that was surprising; and that was before ever cracking the binding.

The photography is outstanding; a combination of candid and portraits intended to capture the essence of the people who are speaking. Some comments Louise collected seem similar to what you'd read on a Facebook-style inspiration page. Others are more thoughtful, obviously personal to the individual who is sharing. The book is well organized. With hundreds of responses, representing the famous and the regular riders, Louise created Chapters to group them in terms of similarity. Themes include Spirituality & God, Riding, No Idea, Service to Others, Family & Friends, and so forth. The responses are well expressed, presented beautifully, and can serve as a touchstone for each reader's personal exploration of the subject.

Some might say that because of the inherent risk that motorcyclists accept as part of riding that a biker's perspective on the meaning of life has been more closely examined. I would counter that we

each reflect at our own pace, based on triggers, inspirations, and life events ... riders and non-riders alike. Bikers may just face those triggers and such more frequently.

It isn't necessarily one of those books that you'd sit down & read cover-to-cover in one sitting. There's an initial desire to flip through to check out the photos, see who participated, and catch a few comments. From there evolves a desire to take more time, study the images, and contemplate the entries at greater length.

Chances are you'll recognize people in your lives in these pages. In our decades in this community Bruce & I have met scooter folk who reflect the different philosophies expressed in the book; sometimes bringing a nod, a smile of remembrance, or a bemused shake of the head ☺

As much as it seems like this might be a book only riders could understand, it may actually have a secondary value... as a means of explaining to non-riding friends or loved ones what we 'see' about this lifestyle that they don't 'get'.

So now that we have established that the book, *The Meaning of Life According to Bikers* is a good find ... let's talk about how Louise is presenting it, as its subtitle says *The Biker Book for Charity*. Its goal is to be of benefit to our motorcycling community as a whole. She provides numerous opportunities to support charitable organizations, everywhere and anywhere.

Asked what charity is benefited by this book, she replied, “Hopefully thousands!”

Okay then, let's go into that. There are multiple ways for this book to raise money. An organization can purchase books in bulk from the publisher at a discount, then sell them at retail... donating the difference to their charity of choice.

People can purchase the book online through Amazon. Purchases there go to support Louise's charity of choice, the Children's Hospitals Tour

which you will read more about if you visit its page. <https://www.gofundme.com/BikerBookforCharity-ChildrensHospitalsDonationTour>

OR you might get the opportunity to meet the lady herself who put this all together and purchase it directly... at a personal appearance on her book tour. This includes a stop in Sturgis on August 5, 2019.

During one of her interviews she commented that when she started she wasn't sure how the bikers would respond to her. She is a self-described geek, definitely and obviously NOT part of the riding community. She shared a story about walking up to a rider to ask him her “What is the Meaning of Life?” question; explaining why she wanted to know. As the conversation progressed this fellow told her, “You are the perfect person to do this” rather than a rider. Actually, I get that. If someone within the biker community had offered up a book such as this, it could have been written off as self-serving, a vehicle to whitewash bad acts, or similar crap that's been shoveled over the decades. Louise, being an ‘outsider’ so to speak, offers an independent perspective.

You can buy the book at Amazon {or even better, [AmazonSmile](#)}. If your organization wants to use the book as a fundraiser for your preferred charity, then contact Schiffer Publishing, 610-593-1777, and ask about quantity discounts. For more information, contact Louise through her website <https://thebikerbookforcharity.com/>

The project of creating {and now promoting} this book has been Louise's ‘Meaning of Life’ since 2002. That's a lot of dedication! From what we see, her time, energy, and effort have been well spent.

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What you need to know about the new 'texting while driving' law

A baker's dozen of things you need to know about the new texting law.

What will be forbidden?

The new law will make it illegal to "physically hold" or "support with any part of the body" any cell phone or other portable wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle. There was some debate — and no clear answer — on what constitutes "support" of a phone, and whether that means in the lap, in the pocket or elsewhere. But from a practical standpoint, if it's in a lap, it is unlikely that a police officer would see it and pull someone over. The law bans not only chatting on the phone but writing, sending and reading text messages, emails, instant messages or internet data.

What are the key exceptions?

Drivers can make calls if they use earpieces, headphones or any type of device worn on a wrist to conduct voice communications. Vehicles with built-in interfaces with cell phones also are exempt as long as they can be operated with minimal interactions, meaning simply to press a button to activate or deactivate. People also can "read" texts if these are translated into voice. And they also can send texts if done through voice commands. A phone's map and GPS are permitted if in a hands-free mode.

What about other types of devices?

The same restrictions on holding a cell phone also apply to any "stand-alone electronic device." That means anything with stored audio or video — so, no hanging on to the phone while listening to previously recorded podcasts or watching tapes of Game of Thrones.

What about watching live TV?

That already is illegal. But the new law clarifies that the statute does not apply to mapping services,

which update images, as well as to cars and trucks with built-in video screens that provide information about the vehicle. The legislation also adds a provision designed to protect people who have dash cams and similar devices that continuously record what's going on, either in the vehicle or on the road.

Are there other types of operations that are not subject to the law?

Motorists can use a cell phone to "report illegal activity or summon emergency help." Also not subject to new restrictions are licensed amateur radio operators and fleet drivers with commercial licenses communicating with a dispatcher. And for those who are still attached to their citizen band radios, you can keep yakking away, good buddy.

What about when I'm stopped?

It depends on where. Motorists who are parked are exempt and can call and text at will. Ditto if you're at a stop light or waiting for a train to clear a railroad crossing. But a stop sign doesn't count. Nor does being stopped for a school bus.

What are the fines?

A first offense carries a minimum fine of \$75 and up to \$149. Subsequent violations result in fines of at least \$150 and no more than \$250. But the offenses accumulate no points on a motorist's license. There is an exception: Licenses can be suspended if someone is violating the new law and causes a serious injury or death.

Do I have to give my cell phone to a police officer when stopped?

No. There is an exception for "when authorized by law," but there is no definition.

When does all this take effect?

January 1, 2021. That doesn't preclude an offending motorist from being stopped between now and then, though police could issue only warnings for violat-

ing the new law.

But what about all those existing local laws?

Those remain in effect and can still be enforced, including provisions that are stricter than what's in this new law. So, if a local ordinance has no exception for stop lights, motorists can still be cited. But as of Jan. 1, 2021, any provision that does not mirror the state law will disappear.

If there's a delayed effective date, why the emergency clause?

One provision that takes effect immediately requires the Motor Vehicle Division to now start testing would-be drivers on the effects of using cell phones and similar devices. Another new section allows MVD to suspend the commercial driver's license of someone who violates the law.

What about the "distracted driving" law?

That is a separate bill that went to Gov. Doug Ducey on Monday that allows police to stop and cite someone if he or she is doing something other than driving, whether texting or eating a ham sandwich, and it creates an immediate hazard or the motorist does not exercise reasonable control of the vehicle. That measure, if approved, would take effect later this summer. Ducey said he is still reviewing that measure.

Do these bills conflict?

Not necessarily. The texting and cell phone use ban is stricter in the sense that a motorist can be cited solely for holding and using the device, even with no indication that it's affecting the person's driving. But the distracted driving bill, while requiring some indication of affecting the operation of the motor vehicle, can be applied to just about anything unrelated to actually controlling the car or truck.

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This was the 5th year for Ed's Ride Arizona. It is a Poker run to benefit Alphazonies, a support group for victims of Alpha 1 – antitrypsin deficiency. The event, named in honor of The Howlers CS MC co-founder Ed Miller, is held annually on President's Day Weekend. This year's date was February 16, 2019.

From organizer Joe Diggs, "ED'S RIDE is a motorcycle fundraising ride held annually by The Howlers Community Service Motorcycle Club L.L.C. to benefit The Alphazonies, Tax-ID#31-02637, a non-profit 501 (C)3 organization. Donations or contributions go to the Alphazonies, a local support group for people stricken with the congenital disease Alpha-1 Anti-Trypsin Deficiency. The Alphazonies assist Valley area people with this disease and their families by helping them to understand the disease through Webinars, guest speakers and provide current updates in research. Additionally, Alphazonies also offer local financial assistance to those in hardship as a result of the disease, which often leaves people unable to work and requires extensive and expensive medical care. The Alphazonies gratefully acknowledge your generous donation which is tax-deductible as provided by Law."

Sign-in was at Arrowhead HD. About 43 riders participated. We got this great recap from Joe, so

we'll let him share the ride in his own words.

"This was a self-paced ride that started at Arrowhead Harley Davidson in Peoria. They were awesome sponsors and helpful partners. They made sure the day got off to an incredible start. They also allowed us to host a pancake fundraiser. They provided the food.

"1st Stop was Desert Rose Pub in Glendale. Pete the owner was also an amazing host and we appreciated his and his staff's support.

"2nd Stop was Renegade Classics on Cactus Road in Phoenix. Khristi Briggs has always been a great supporter of our ride, last year donating baby cuts and patches we had made for Ed Miller's grandchildren. They have always supported us financially and helped make the day amazing by actually hosting one of our dice games until our team arrived.

"3rd Stop was The Dirty Dogg in Scottsdale. Again, as with Renegade Classics, Jack and the Dogg have been a great supporter of our ride year after year. In 2018 we met the artist Pink at the Dogg which made our day. This year, no Pink, but we had an amazing time as usual.

"Final Stop - End Party at The Roadhouse somewhere in Cave Creek. No better place to end a run than here. Kevin, Marl and his crew were outstand-

ing. This was our second year ending at the Roadhouse and it feels like home. There was a live band and Mark, the owner, personally conducted our raffle.

"The ride was family and cage friendly. Our goal was to make the event as accessible to everyone as we could.

"I would also like to thank the Husband & Wife Team at the Breyer Law Group who has supported our ride financially and with bags and amazing giveaways."

Fundraising efforts included raffling some amazing gift baskets, made up in numerous themes... DIY, Hideaway swag, auto care, kitchen organizing, a manly basket of treats & personal care, pet treats, a couples fun basket ;) and more. It seemed like someone put a great deal of thought & time into these. Very cool.

Afterwards, Joe shared that, according to Lisa Lambert of Alphazonies, \$6,000 was raised from the day. Those donations will go toward Patient Support and Community Awareness.

Learn more about the Alphazonies organization from their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Alphazonies/>

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Editors Column



Hello AriZona Riders!

Please welcome our returning Advertiser, the 11-Mile Swap Meet. It is taking place May 12 at Pinal County Fairground, in Casa Grande.

This month's cover, presenting a Proclamation from our Governor's Office, reminds everyone that May is Motorcycle Awareness Month. While some areas of AriZona are blessed with nearly year 'round riding; in our High Country along with many states ~ ~ May is the traditional riding-season opener after being parked for the winter. Just like we are reminded at summer's end that school is back in session & to watch for kids; these Proclamations by Governors and Mayors of states, cities, & towns around the country help remind auto-ists that motorcyclists are back on the roads. They also acknowledge the motorcycle safety & awareness efforts of our community. Riders too need to always ride as though they are 'invisible' to those around them. This month and EVERY month it is so important to continuously promote the message that all vehicles CAN safely share our roadways.

In this issue you'll read about some stuff that might be familiar, and there's some that may be new. It's ALL good information... for ourselves as riders and for our non-riding friends and family members. So, please share as you see fit.

Some of you are already aware of this but for those who aren't, ABATE of AZ has a really outstanding program that goes into schools to teach student drivers about Motorcycle Awareness. It's call the MAP - Motorcycle Awareness Program, and you can read more about it in these pages.

While we have no wish to speak ill of the dead, it is timely to make this statement. The sadness that is felt when someone dies in a motorcycle wreck is amplified when it turns out that it was, at least to some extent, 'self-inflicted' due to the rider being impaired. Motorcycle Awareness Month is more than encouraging cagers to 'Watch Out For Motorcyclists'. It needs to be a reminder regarding personal responsibility as well. Watch out for yourselves and watch out for your Brothers & Sisters of the Wind also... to help make sure everyone gets to have one more ride before the Long Ride that we'll all eventually take.

Yes, we know... pot-kettle-black. We are thankful everyday for our lives for so many reasons; in part because 'back in the day' we were the party. We were out there on the road doing shit that, in looking back, we are amazed we survived. This isn't a 'Hey we got away with it you can too' type message. This is a 'We could have checked out more times than we can count. Don't do that to your loved ones' type message. 'Nuff said on that!

May, of course, also brings us to Memorial Day...

Please take some time to reflect on & honor those who lost their lives while in service to our Country. There will be official Remembrances taking place; including the annual 'Flags For Our Fallen', at the Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery. More information on that is in our calendar. There are also online resources about Memorial Day and how to observe it that may offer ideas to incorporate into your personal remembrance.

There are a LOT of entries in the calendar for this month! Before it starts getting too hot down here on the desert floor there are parties, benefits, the swap meet, & more. Then, hard on May's heels, is Too Broke For Sturgis, at the beginning of June. We hope to see lots of you there!

Happy Mother's Day to all you Moms out there!

Ride safely, choose wisely, & Keep Your Butts On Your Putts!

Bruce & Betsy

3-Ball Run with MMA-AZ



The Leather-Eagle District of the Modified Motorcycle Association held their annual 3-Ball Run on March 23, 2019. Sign-in was at Charley's Place in Glendale. There were between 35-40 participants. It should be noted that this is a day about FUN. It is a family-friendly get-together. There is no pool or billiards experience needed to play. At each stop you get five chances to sink three balls. Lowest 3 scores at the end of the run earn a trophy. The worst scores go into a drawing for the 'Scratch' trophy.

Additional stops were in Phoenix - at Steel Horse Saloon, Arizona Biker Leathers {Thunderbird & 19th Ave.}, and Maverick Saloon. Last stop was The Beaver Bar & Grill at 11801 N 19th Avenue.

5 stops, with a round of 3-ball at each business. But WAIT a minute.... Arizona Biker Leathers isn't a bar! What about the necessary pool table? Some-

one suggested including a miniature table-top pool table a few years back. It's been a hit ever since! 'Hilarious', 'a game changer', and 'crowd pleaser' are among the comments it draws.

A bike wash, in memory of Catness Drigger to assist her family, was also going on at the Maverick at the same time. So you could actually support 2 events at once if you chose.

The Final Round, held at The Beaver Bar, determined the winners of the day. Congratulations & trophies to 1st place William, 2nd place Big Dawg, and 3rd place Nolan. The Scratch trophy went to Sky Pilot.

District Manager Julie Funk sent along thanks to, "All of our stops and businesses who donated raffle items." She also shared, "... just an overall sense of gratitude to everyone involved and anyone who

participated. It was so much fun, especially the mini table. In July we have our annual Brotherly Love-In on the 20th at the Beaver Bar."

This event is a fundraiser for the District, with monies going to support the District and its future events to promote motorcycle safety and rights. The day raised about \$240.

Thank you Julie for your help with this report and to Lee Gonzales for the photos.

The Modified Motorcycle Association of AZ is an MRO - Motorcyclists Rights Organization comprised of motorcyclists and motorcycle enthusiasts who are concerned with the future, safety and welfare of motorcycling. Learn more at their website <http://mma-az.org/> You can contact the Leather-Eagle District at <https://www.facebook.com/LeatherEagleDistrict/> or leathereagledm@gmail.com

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We visited the CycleRides.com Bike Night at Tempe Marketplace on Wednesday April 10, 2019.

The flurry of Bike Week related activities having just wrapped up, combined with a day of strong winds making it kind of crappy to ride, left a question as to how well attended this evening would be. While it seemed lighter than some previous nights there was still a good turnout.

Skarlett Fever was the band of the night, doing a fine job as expected.

New this evening was the Dave & Busters

outdoor beer garden. This was a very neat addition. If you wish you can now have a drink and even some dinner outside; all while listening to the music, as well as watching the bikes & people. Plus of course there's the 'to go' option at other nearby eateries.

Vendors included Law Tigers, KUPD Radio, Nash Powersports, & Desert Wind HD. Friends of the Kids was also set up, giving a nice opportunity to catch up with Nancy regarding their recent accomplishments and upcoming plans. Learn more here: <https://www.azfotk.org/>

It was a good night & we're glad we stopped

by.

There are some Cyclerides.com Bike Nights left before things wind down toward summer. Westgate Entertainment District's remaining nights for this season are May 9, May 23, and June 6. The High Street Bike Nights will be May 2, May 16, & May 30. Tempe Marketplace runs May 8, May 22, and June 5. Get more details on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cycleridescom/> or <http://cyclerides.com/> then head out & have some fun.

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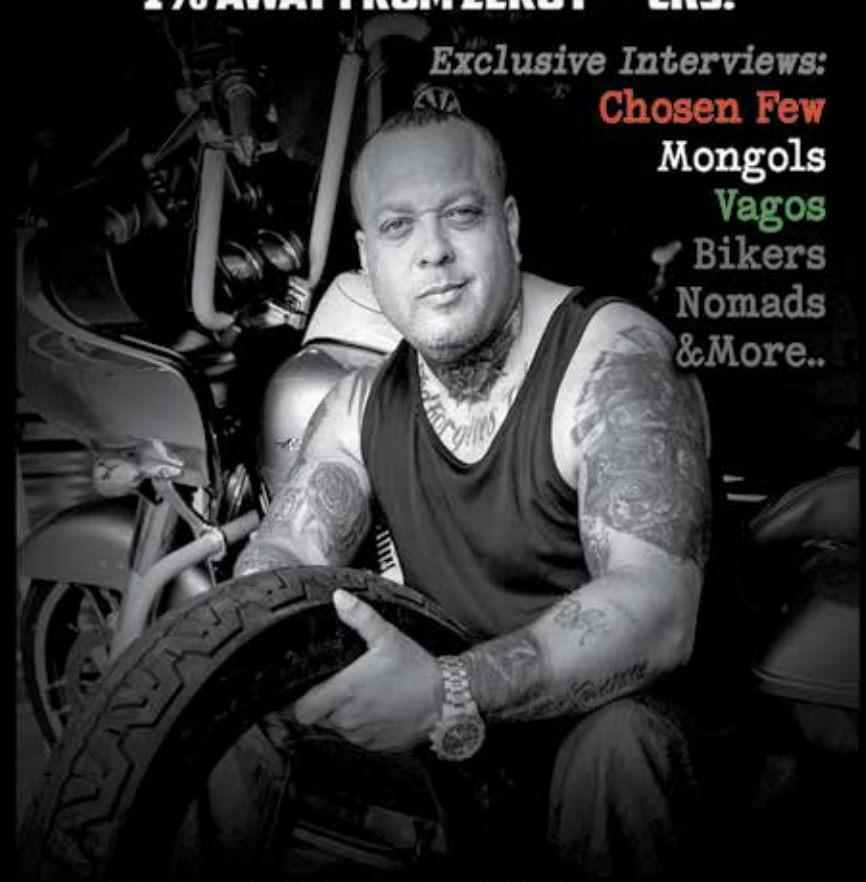
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Motorcycle Awareness Program *going strong twenty years and counting*

ABATE of Arizona has a program that reaches out to student drivers in five East Valley high schools, encouraging them to Look Out For Motorcycles. The Motorcycle Awareness Program (M.A.P.) is an educational program aimed at the target audience of high school students in driver's education classes. It was originally started up by Sporty Jim and later fine-tuned by Jean Cooper to a PowerPoint and video presentation. East Valley Chapter members Joe Silk and Jim Silk have been showing students how to 'Share The Road' twice a year. Their PowerPoint show helps students to see what a motorcycle is doing in today's traffic and alerts students to another form of transportation vehicle.

Photos of who, what, and where motorcycles can be found are in their presentation, as well as a video put out by the MRF {Motorcycle Riders Foundation} of sharing the road. The students then take a short quiz on what was shown. Presenters verbally go through the 10 question quiz with them, giving examples of real life experiences that relate to each question throughout.

{ed: From the way Jim explained it to me, it seems like portions of the presentation are intended to 'personalize' the motorcyclists to the students... talking about different riders & their experiences [who], [what] their reasons are for riding, and the numerous situations [where] they might, as drivers, interact with bikes on the roadways. Now, thanks to this class, rather than seeing a motorcycle as just another vehicle on the road these young drivers are more likely to see a motorcyclist – a person, going about his or her day.}

Part of the presentation includes going outdoors to witness a few motorcycle 'ride

bys' and having the students guess its speed. This helps demonstrate how hard it is to judge the speed of a motorcycle. The 'narrow profile' of a motorcycle coming at you is discussed, including how easily it can be hidden by small objects or possibly even ignored due to larger vehicles around it.

The lecture ends with a brief demonstration on how a rider operates the bike.

Many motorcycle riders have assisted over the years in helping do this presentation and a big thank you goes out to Richard Dalton, Nolan Steed, Tim Zemnack, Dawn Parker, Mary K and Smiley, Greg "Troll" Hughes, "Pops" from the Huns MC, Ron Carroll from Gold Wing Riders, and Joe Hoodak for his help, among many others. Without a motorcycle rider doing these demonstration rides, the class would not be a success. It is a small part, but a huge difference to make the student drivers of Arizona aware of bikers.

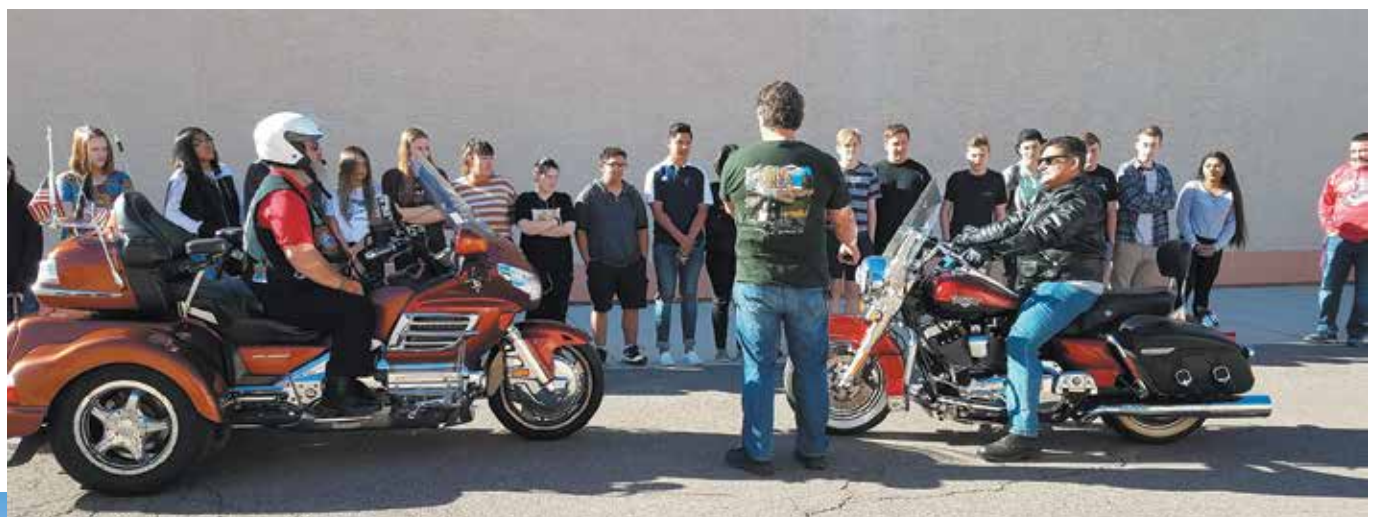
The goal is to expand this MAP program statewide, ideally with at least one volunteer instructor in each ABATE Chapter. There are currently 'certified presenters' teaching in Tucson, Kingman, Lake

Havasu, Phoenix/Metro, and soon to be Payson. The purpose is to spread the word about safe motorcycling and promote a positive image of motorcyclists. What better way than to speak to the future drivers of our state? The students will hopefully be better equipped car and truck drivers and also be more aware and watch out for us.

Although most of these classes are for High School students, the MAP has also been presented to Senior Groups and even an engineering company to help them meet their safety education requirements. {The man in charge was a rider and had heard of the program from his teenage son. Cool.}

If you are interested in learning more about the MAP program, either to assist the existing classes or to get the program implemented in your area, contact Jim Silk at the contact information below.

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Painted rocks... find them, post a photo to the AMSAF Facebook page &/or the Motorcycle Awareness Rocks group on FB then place them somewhere else to be found again. See how far they'll travel ~ carrying the AMSAF safety message with them as they go.

We attended the 5th annual Riding For the Long Haul, presented by AMSAF - Arizona Motorcycle Safety & Awareness Foundation, on Sunday March 3, 2019. This year's venue was once again the El Zaribah Shriners Auditorium in Phoenix.

When we arrived, there was a rider skills demonstration under way by the AZ Precision Motorcycle Drill Team that was impressive to watch. These pilots were riding their full-size baggers in slow, close-quarter maneuvers that included tight turns and quick stops. Experienced bikers watching from the sidelines were heard to say that these riders make what are definitely difficult maneuvers look easy. In addition to the Arizona PM Drill Team, rider skills demonstrations were presented throughout the day by Chandler PD, Mesa PD, Phoenix PD, ProRider Drill Team, and Team AZ. It was a very popular attraction.

Anybody who thinks they have 'mad skills' on a motorcycle needs to stand at the barricade and watch these pilots go through their paces. It gives you a whole different appreciation. They are always amazing to watch. We've heard riders who we know have been riding for years emphasize the importance of keeping skills sharp, rather than relying strictly on experience, history, or habit. It is important to continuously practice. Mick Degn, AMSAF Executive Director commented, "It is so easy to get into bad habits riding or not know what to do in a situation where all of a sudden something is in front of you."

They did a presentation on how to pick up a fallen motorcycle. I must say though, as helpful as the demo can be, each bike used had highway crash bars... Meaning that the bike 'fell' or was 'dropped' to no more than about a 45 degree angle. No disrespect intended... But that's not exactly 'on the ground'. For that they'd need to select a different style bike. For folks who own less 'dressed' bikes, there's more to learn about picking it up. I'm also pretty certain there are not too many folks who would be willing to volunteer their ride for the demonstration!

There was quite an array of vendors, some indoors and others out.

Outdoors were ABATE-AZ, AZ Motorcycle Towing, Discount Biker Supply, Team AZ, Bad MF apparel, ProRider, GWRRA {Gold Wing Road Riders Association}, RideNow PowerSports, AZ Coyotes, Desert Wind HD, Keene Auto Glass, MMA-AZ, Combat Dolls, Lightning Strike Motorcycle Lights, Shriners Int'l, Biker Down, kettle corn, Blades & Shade, and the Clip Man.

Indoor vendors & other booths included Law Tigers, AMSAF, Breyer Law, Encompass Health Rehab Hospital, The Helmet Center, Pure Romance, Six Gun Entertainment, and Young Living Essential Oils. At the Dignity Health booth they had goggles to simulate driving while impaired. The Governor's Office of Highway Safety, along with other information, had a list of [statewide rider training schools](#).

Fifteen people participated in the blood drive, managed Vitalant Blood Services.

Music was provided by The Visitors.

There was a LOT of valuable information available. Sadly, some of it was somewhat disturbing as well. We as riders want to be able to place blame on the drivers for the wrecks that occur. So, learning that more than 40% of motorcycle crashes and fatalities are the fault of the rider was hard to hear. Causes include: Speed too fast for Conditions, Unsafe lane changes, Following too closely, impairment by Alcohol & Drugs {prescribed or otherwise}, and even Left turns... what we traditionally blame on the cagers. These statistics CAN be turned around - with rider education. Mick emphasized, "We're having a lot of conversation on how best to help reduce crashes and fatalities. It's really a tough question." Training classes for beginners as well as continuing education for experienced riders are available statewide.

There were more than 100 raffle prizes to be won, including apparel, gift baskets, gift cards from restaurants & bars, and more. Businesses were very generous in their donations.

During the presentations ceremony, Mick Degn recognized numerous organizations and individuals who have supported the AMSAF mission over the years.

There were 2 big drawings scheduled for the day. The Grand Prize trip to Laughlin was won by David Thomas. That package, which was donated by Law Tigers and The Husband & Wife Law Team, includes a 3-night stay at Laughlin River Run, concert tickets, plus \$1000 cash. Nice!

The criteria for the 2nd drawing unfortunately was not fulfilled. It seemed like a simple incentive... If 500 people pre-registered for the event [for FREE] then there would be a drawing for a \$500 cash prize. With attendances at 1000+ in years past, this seemed like an easy goal to achieve; but it fell short. It was disheartening to see the reduction in attendance that we observed. As Mick noted, "Safety is hard to sell." It's been said before ... rider safety & all that goes with it can be pretty dry stuff. It's hard to make a safety-themed event 'sexy', attractive, and fun. That being said, it is being observed, by us and others, that

attendance overall is dropping at numerous events... not just at this one.

As they do after each event, these AMSAF and Riding For the Long Haul VOLUNTEERS take what they learn and do what they can to adjust and improve the delivery of their safety messages regarding crash prevention and the importance of injury reduction, new rider training, AND continuing education for more experienced riders.

In following up with Mick afterwards, he sent along this message ... "Our goal is to promote motorcycle safety and awareness and help reduce crashes and fatalities and anytime we can put on an event to help in this area it's worth all the time and effort put into it. We've done this event for 5 years... This year we had Channels 3, 5, 10 and 15 there for coverage on TV." He added, "This event couldn't be done without the Community and our Riding for the Long Haul Committee which is made up of: Howard Gelman, Merlo Pile, Terry Cooper, Steve Hauck, Rosi Khazoom, Mick Degn, and Ari Levenbaum."

When asked if there were event supporters & donors he'd like to thank he replied, "Most definitely; starting with our Title Sponsors - Dignity Health-Chandler Regional Hospital, Arizona Trauma Association, Governor's Office of Highway Safety, and Law Tigers. These folks really stepped up as Sponsors and Partners to help promote motorcycle safety. In addition, Ride Now, Indian Motorcycle, Team Arizona, Breyer Law, Nash Motorsports, and Thomas Baldrick, {owner of video production company 'AZ Strong'} who helped us put together our Title Sponsor video."

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Betsy & Bruce



Motorist Awareness

Please Read If You Do Not Ride A Motorcycle

by Ron Carroll, GWRRA Arizona District, Motorist Awareness Coordinator

As we all know or should know, our roads are not safe for Motorcycles or anyone else for that matter. With all the distractions we have with Cell Phones, New Technologies, GPS, Etc. in our cars; let's face it, not all drivers out there are FOCUSED ON DRIVING.

The below listed article was taken from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation's website for the purpose of helping non-motorcycling drivers to understand motorcycles and to help them think about the motorcycle rider as a Person with a Family.

According to NHTSA, "Distracted driv-

ing killed 3,477 people on America's roads in 2015." Now, April has become National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The MSF has put together a list of 10 things cagers* need to know about driving around motorcycles. I hope you're not reading this on your iPhone from the driver's seat.

1. There are many more cars and trucks than motorcycles on the road and some drivers don't "recognize" motorcyclists. They ignore them, usually unintentionally. Look for motorcycles, especially when checking traffic at an intersection.

2. A motorcyclist may look farther away than he or she is in actuality. It may also be difficult to judge a motorcycle's speed. When checking traffic to turn at an intersection or into (or out of) a driveway, estimate that a motorcycle is closer than it looks.

3. A motorcycle can be easily hidden in a car's blind spots or masked by objects or backgrounds outside the car. Thoroughly check traffic, whether you're changing lanes or turning at intersections.

4. A motorcycle may seem to be moving faster than it really is. Again, don't immediately rely on your perceptions.

5. Motorcyclists sometimes slow down by downshifting or merely rolling off the throttle, thus not activating the brake light. Don't tailgate motorcyclists. At intersections, anticipate that motorcyclists may slow down without any visual warning.

6. Turn signals on a motorcycle are often not automatically self-canceling. Some riders, (especially beginners) sometimes forget to turn them off. Try to determine whether a motorcycle's turn signal is for real. And if you're driving a car, remember to use your turn signals too. They're a great communication tool for riders and drivers when used properly.

7. Motorcyclists often adjust position within a lane to be seen more easily, to avoid road debris, and deal with passing vehicles and wind.

Understand that motorcyclists often adjust lane position for a purpose, and it's not an invitation for a car to share the lane with them.

8. Maneuverability can be one advantage for a motorcycle, but don't expect that motorcyclist can always steer or swerve out of harm's way. Please leave motorcyclists room on the road, wherever they are around you.

9. Stopping distance for motorcycles can be nearly the same or better than that of cars. But wet or slippery pavement can put motorcyclists at a disadvantage. Don't violate a motorcyclist's right of way, especially in bad conditions.

10. Don't think of it as a motorcycle, a machine. Think of the rider; the person on board, as someone's son, daughter, spouse or parent. Unlike other motorists, who

are protected by doors, roofs and airbags, motorcyclists have only their safety gear and are at greater risk from distracted drivers.

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Our goal in this area is to build a rapport with motorists and leave them with a feeling that motorcyclists are real people who could be their friend, neighbor, or even a relative.

If you have any questions regarding Motorist Awareness Program please feel free to contact me by Email azma20017@gmail.com.

* Cagers is a term used by motorcyclists to describe some one driving a vehicle who is enclosed within a steel frame and is protected from crashes.

The skinny on "Skinny"...

According to Ron, "Skinny" was out riding with the group. He was the last bike. A driver made a left turn in front of him then stopped. 'Skinny' had to take the ditch. Don't know how long he was there, but he knew his mc license was about to expire. He could not find his wallet to check. He went to the license office to get a new one, but could not. They told him he was dead and they could see right thru him so he did not get license. Now 'Skinny' rides with me to promote Motorist Awareness as GWRRA's Arizona District Mascot. He whistles while he works on the rides with me. That is my story and I am sticking with it."



GWRRA Motorist Awareness Program, at the Queen Creek Holiday Festival & Parade



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3rd Saturdays 2019 {5/18, 6/15}: Superstition Harley-Davidson HOG Chapter General Meeting in the H.O.G. Room at 10am. Gather at 9:30am for cake, conversation, & coffee. HOG Dogs follows. Superstition H-D 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600 | receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Last Saturdays: VIII'S Society Open House 8-11:30pm. 5th Ave, Apache Junction. FMI: n/a

Sundays 2019 { 5/5, 5/19 }: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride starts at Superstition H-D - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction, AZ. 85120. Come ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot at 7:30a. Kickstands up at 8a. FMI: 480-346-0600 or <http://superstitionhd.com/>

Tuesdays in May 2019: Two Wheel Tuesdays at Superstition Harley-Davidson. Ride in for a Free multi-point inspection. No appointment necessary. Done on the spot while you wait. SHD 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

Wednesdays in May 2019: Superstition HOG Chapter Ride. Departs Superstition HD - 2910 W Apache Trail, Apache Junction 85120. Ride with our HOG Members. Meet at East Lot 7:30a, ride @ 8am. FMI: 480-346-0600, <http://superstitionhd.com/>

2nd Wednesdays: ABATE-AZ Yavapai Chapter meeting ~ 6pm at VFW Post 541, 202 N Arizona Ave, Prescott. FMI: 928-308-9911, ycabateaz@gmail.com

4th Wednesdays: San Tan Loners MC Bike Night at the Ironwood Pub & Grub (480-987-3004) 40975 N Ironwood Rd #b108. Every 4th Wednesday from 6-9pm. Fun times and cold beers. FMI: dennissuida@yahoo.com

2nd & 3rd Friday: ALMA MC East Side Open House from 7pm-? Entertainment. Food & Beverages available. 3212 S. Fair Lane, Tempe. FMI: 127.Eastside@gmail.com

2nd & 4th Friday: ALMA MC OriGinal Clubhouse – 1446 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix. Doors open at 7pm. No Entry Fee. Food, Beverages, Entertainment. FMI: n/a

Last Fridays: Lost Dutchman MC Mesa Open House, from 7-11:30pm. 1826 W Broadway Suite #42, Mesa FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com, 480-745-4599



5/2 CycleRides.com High Street Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.cyclerides.com/>

5/3 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

5/3 Ride With The Dealer to Motorcycles on Main for Bike Night! Meet on the west lot of SHD. Kickstands up at 6:15pm Superstition Harley Davidson 2910 W. Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/3-5 {Fr-Sun} 15th annual Wild in the Weeds with ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. Punkin Center Bar & Grill, Mile Post 262 Hwy 188, Tonto Basin AZ. Music by 'Unchained'. Games, raffles, wet-T contest, silent auction... ABATE members \$15/sgl, \$25/cpl; non-members \$25 & \$35. Memberships available. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://WildInTheWeeds.com>

5/4 Ride with @Superstition HD for 13th annual Female Riders Day. Pre-register for FREE w/SHD & they'll cover your lunch at Roadhouse. 9am sign-in, 10a group photo, 10:15a KSU. Goody bag to 1st 25 registered. FMI / RSVP 480-346-0600. SHD, 2910 W Apache Trail in Apache Junction AZ. <http://superstitionhd.com/>

5/4 Cinco De Mayo Party at Evil Twin Custom Cycles, 58 N. Country Club Dr in Mesa, from 10a-? There'll be beer, tacos, and a good time! FMI: 480-784-0040

5/8 {Wed} CycleRides.com Tempe Marketplace Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. www.cyclerides.com/

5/9 {Th} CycleRides.com Westgate Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. www.cyclerides.com/

5/11 {Sat} Momma Tried Mothers Day Weekend BBQ. Free lunch 12pm until gone; of course moms served first. Free gift wrapping for mom and free roses while supplies last. \$25 Mom tattoo by Taboo Tattoo, 12pm first come first served. Superstition Harley-Davidson 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/11 Howling For the Hounds hosted by Wolves MC Tucson to benefit Humane Society of Southern AZ. 11a-4pm at Hydraulic Repair 7 Supply 119 W Alturas St, Tucson. \$20/pp. FMI: wolvesmctucson@gmail.com

5/12 Arizona's Largest Motorcycle Swap Meet. Gates open to sellers at 6am. Event starts at 8am. Vendors spaces 20x15 @ \$40/space. 1st come 1st served! All brands welcome!! Turn your spare parts into cash!!! General admission is \$5. Kids under 12 are free. Food & beverages available. Service dogs only. Sponsored by Law Tigers. FMI: MJ 480-209-8521

5/16 {Th} Bike Night with the Superstition Harley-Davidson Service Department at The Hub. Meet in the west parking lot. KSU 6:15pm. Drink specials & giveaways. Have fun & drink responsibly! SHD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction 85120 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/16 CycleRides.com High Street Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.cyclerides.com/>

5/18 {Sat} Victory For the Veterans on the SS Lane Victory benefit from 10a-5pm at 3600 Miner St, San Pedro, CA. All proceeds go to Cal Vet Veterans Home in Barstow CA. Hosted by Soldiers For Jesus MC, sponsored by Law Tigers. \$15/pp, 12&under free includes Ship Museum, live music, raffles, 50/50, & more. Food vendors on site. FMI: 951-415-9642, 909-496-7208, 951-334-7782

5/18 Armed Forces Day at Superstition Harley-Davidson. To honor those who've served, ALL military members that wear their military uniforms into SHD on May 18th will receive 15% off ALL aftermarket parts & accessories and 15% off all licensed H-D merchandise in Motorclothes. Hog Dogs from 11a-gone. 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/18 Chrome Angelz RC Charity Bike Run. Benefits programs for abuse victims & female Veterans. Starts/ends @ Cup o' Karma Café {inside Chandler Public Library 22 S Delaware.} Sign-in 9a \$15/sgl, \$20/2-up, \$20/car. FMI: 480-434-3778, 480-202-4018

5/18 Sunshine Acres 'Miracle in the Desert' fundraiser at Sunshine Acres Children's Home on Higley Rd in Mesa; with CMA, ABATE and supporters. Details TBA. FMI: Jim Silk 602-312-1927

5/18 Cochise Riders MC annual Memorial Party & Poker Crawl at the Crystal Palace Saloon in Tombstone; 3-7pm. Includes a poker crawl through Tombstone. FMI: www.facebook.com/cochiseriders.mc/

5/18 Devil's Highway Run. Meet 8:30a at Avery's on Main Street, Springerville, AZ. Register on-line. NO REGISTRATION FEE! Registered Riders are eligible for the 13th Rt. 666 Run lapel pin. This is a no-host, self-paced ride. FMI: <http://azride.com/devils-highway-run/2557977>

5/18 4th annual Sinners & Saints vs. Diabetes Benefit Party, 6p-11:30pm. The Silent Saints MC & Hooligans MC Deer Valley take on diabetes! Party to raise money for the American Diabetes Ass'n and their camp AZDA Summer Camp experience for youths with Type 1, Type 2, & Mody Diabetes. Food, drinks, music, vendors and good times! \$10/sgl, \$15/cpl. FMI: www.hooligansmcdeervalley.com/

5/18-19 {Sat/Sun} Motors & Misfits, hosted by American Legion Riders Post 12 and M2 Ink @ Wickenburg Community Center, 160 N Valentine, Wickenburg. Supports ALR 12 college scholarship fund for local High School grads. Tattoo expo, multiple artists giving tattoos on-site. Saturday Car show, Sunday bike show. Food vendors, t-shirts, tattoos, more!! FMI: <https://motorsandmisfits.com/>

5/22 {Wed} CycleRides.com Tempe Marketplace Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. http://www.cyclerides.com

5/23 CycleRides.com Bike Night at Westgate, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.cyclerides.com/>

5/25 {Sat} Rally of The Rescues from 11a-2pm at Superstition Harley-Davidson w/ Pinal County Animal Control & AJ Animal Control Paws & Claws. There will be vendors, on-site pet grooming, micro chipping, & contests. Adopt a loving new dog or cat into your home or find the right "HOG" to ride home. Either way we are cooking up some free chili dogs for lunch!! Drawing for a H-D Pet gift basket, best dog biker costume contest, ugliest dog contest, & dog & owner lookalike contest. Sign up at the info center. Winners take home a \$50 SHD gift card. Superstition HD 2910 W Apache Trail Apache Junction, 85120 FMI: 480-346-0600, receptionist@superstitionhd.com

5/26 {Sun} Crawfish Boil hosted by Loners MC at Territorial Bar, 3727 S Palo Verde in Tucson. Starts 11a, \$15/sgl, \$20/cpl. FMI: Koko 520-850-1976, Mike 520-307-0243

5/27 {Mon} 13th Annual Flags for Our Fallen Memorial Day Rally at Phoenix National Veterans Cemetery. Meet 5am @ S/E corner of Cave Creek & Pinnacle Peak Roads. FMI: <http://www.ridersusa.net/page-1506903>

5/30 {Th} CycleRides.com High Street Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.cyclerides.com/>

6/5 {Wed} CycleRides.com Tempe Marketplace Bike Night, 5-9pm. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <http://www.cyclerides.com/>

6/6-9 {Thu-Sun} Too Broke For Sturgis 2019. FMI: <http://www.toobrokeforsturgis.com/>

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6/14-15 {Fr-Sat} Hi-Low in Show Low with Sons of Odin MC at Aces Ale House, 1457 E Deuce of Clubs. \$10/pp. Music by Triple Play, vendors, & more. Partial proceeds go to Special Olympics. Rooms nearby. FMI: 928-537-3639

6/15 {Sat} It's a Dry Heat Water Drive & Poker Run co-hosted by Alma MC Eastside, Lost Dutchman MC, & Regulators MC. Sign-in 10a at LDMC Queen Creek Club House, 17998 186th St. FMI: dffd_mesa@yahoo.com

6/21 {Fr} FOTK Friends of the Kids Ride to support the White Mountain Apache Tribe Children's Shelter in Whiteriver, AZ. After delivering donations, the group will continue to Hon-Dah Casino. FMI: 602-793-0614, 602-703-8546, friendsofthekids@gmail.com

6/21-22 {Fr-Sat} White Mountain Bike Rally at Hon-Dah Casino in Pinetop. <http://hon-dah.com/>

7/19-21 {Fr-Sun} Biker Bash Fundraiser hosted by The Cabin Bar & Grill. Located at 2763 Highway 260, Overgaard, AZ 85933. Benefits the Walking Down Ranch, located in Concho, AZ. (www.walkingdownranch.org). Poker Run, Bike Games, Silent Auction, & more. HK Tattoos will be on site! DJ in the afternoons. Live Music with The Chris Kane Trio on Friday & Saturday nights! FREE CAMPING on site! FMI: 928-535-6117

7/20 {Sat} Brotherly Love-In hosted by Eagle-Leather District MMA-AZ at Beaver Bar, 11801 N 19th Ave, Phoenix. FMI: 480-440-5155

8/30-9/1 {Fr-Sun} Four Corners Motorcycle Rally, Durango, CO. Sponsors include Law Tigers. <https://www.fourcornersmotorcyclerrally.com>

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9/28 2nd annual Pony Express Run hosted by CVMA 32-1 {Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association} & H-D of Scottsdale. Details TBA. FMI: hickinskd@yahoo.com

9/29 {Sun} Distinguished Gentleman's Ride to support the Movember Foundation; raising funds & awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and men's mental health. FMI: <https://www.gentlemansride.com>

10/4 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

10/18-20 {Fr-Sun} ShineToberfest - Old School Rodeo. A 21 & older event, featuring a Moonshine and Chili CookOff, biker rodeo games, on-site camping, music, adult games and activities (based on attendees), flat track racing, nightly campfire parties and more!!! \$10/pp for the weekend. Add'l parking fees apply to anything with more than three wheels. Saddle Sore Ranch, off Route 66 in Mohave County, AZ. FMI: Rob@BikerAtlas.com, <http://www.Shinetoberfest.com>

10/19 {Sat} Chili Cookoff hosted by ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

11/1 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

11/8-10 {Fr-Sun} ACMC's Riot on the River @ Gila River Park, Winkelman. Weekend prices = \$20/sgl, \$30/cpl. Games, vendors, live music, & more. FMI: 623-363-3470, moehmcdv@gmail.com

12/6 {Fri} Motorcycles on Main Bike Night in Downtown Mesa from 6-10pm. Live Music, Beer Garden, vendors, & more. Park & show your bike. Eateries open. Takes place every first Friday between September & June. Vendors call Courtney 480-890-2613 <https://facebook.com/MotorcyclesOnMain>

12/14 {Sat} ABATE-AZ High Country Chapter Toy Run. FMI: CC 928-476-1955, <https://www.facebook.com/AbateHighCountryChapter/>

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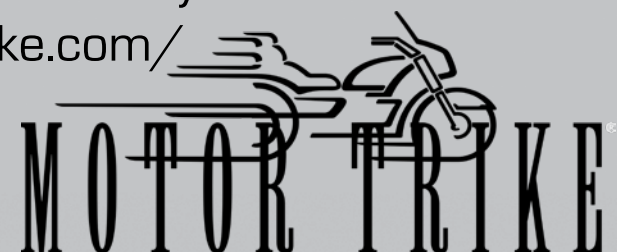
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March 7, 2019 ... Recall ~

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If the seat belt buckle or seat back detach from the seat base, there would be an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash. If the driver's seat unexpectedly moves, it can cause the driver to lose control of the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.
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ing certain 2018-2019 Slingshot motorcycles. The driver-seat and passenger-seat seat belt and seat back anchoring bracket may have been improperly welded. Additionally, differences in the seat assembly may prevent proper latching of the seat slider, allowing the driver's seat to move unexpectedly. Remedy: Polaris will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the seat belt bracket and seat back welds, and the seat slider latching function. If the weld is missing or incomplete, or if the slider doesn't latch properly, the seat bases will be replaced, free of charge. The recall began on March 25, 2019. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-855-863-2284. Polaris' number for this recall is T-18-01. Note: this recall is an expansion of recall 18V-195. Notes: Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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May 11 ... East Valley ABATE of AZ will be in the main Food Court at Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, starting at 8am; sharing their Motorcycle Awareness & Safety messages. Head on over & show them some support! *AZ Rider* has \$2 breakfast coupons, valid 7-10:30a in the current edition.

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May 15 ... Deadline! If you are planning to go to Too Broke For Sturgis this June 6-9... check out this opportunity to get in for FREE! Read more here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0845a4a82eaf85-2019>

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East Valley Firefighters Charity Run



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The 16th Annual Firefighter Charity Ride & Pancake Breakfast took place on Friday April 5, 2019. Registration at Superstition H-D, located at 2910 W. Apache Trail in Apache Junction, AZ included a Pancake Breakfast prepped & served up by local firefighters, aptly nicknamed the Grillas.

This self-paced ride took 460 motorcyclists on a route that included stops at The Drift Inn in Globe, Jake's Corner Bar & Grill {Payson}, and Mesa Fire & Medical Department Station #214 in Mesa before ending at The Monastery on McKellips Rd, also in Mesa.

Last stop included entertainment by David Voss and Big Country Band, so there was plenty of dancing to be done if you like ☺

The high hand winner collected a \$500 prize with an ace-high full house. Low hand was 8 high, bringing in a \$250 prize. The 50/50 was \$465. Congratulations to all the winners!

This year's event raised around \$20,000 for East

Valley Firefighter Charities and the communities it serves. This 501C-3 organization is run completely by professional firefighters; members of the Mesa, Gilbert, Superstition, Gila River, Salt River, Ft. McDowell and Florence Fire Departments. "We seek to plant positive seeds in and around our communities for the benefit of those communities." <https://firefightercharities.com> Monies they raise go to support organizations including Cesar Chavez Foundation, Child Crisis Arizona, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Pykare Cancer Foundation, United Food Bank, YMCA, and others.

In writing this story up a number of years back I spoke with a firefighter who explained, "The job of these firefighters is to make the best of everyone else's worst day." They deal with a lot of tragedy. Their volunteer efforts through EVFC give them an opportunity to take the negative energy they are exposed to and re-direct it in more positive directions. From their website <https://firefightercharities.com>,

"Human Interaction that produces laughter or tears of joy is a fine medicine for us and our community."

Steve Heyer, EVFC Executive Director sent along this message, "We want to thank all the sponsors and riders who came out to support East Valley Firefighter Charities. You are the reason we are able to do great things in the community each year and help so many people." And "Thanks to Superstition Harley, Galloway Financial, The Monastery, Jake's Corner Bar and Grill, The Drift Inn Saloon, and Law Tigers."

EVFC also has several other fundraisers during the year, including the Hook & Ladder Golf Tournament, a 9-Ball Charity Tourney, and Fill the Boot for MDA.

This was a good day for a good cause. Anytime you can be supportive of a group of people who willingly run into a burning building to help people... *Just do it!*

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